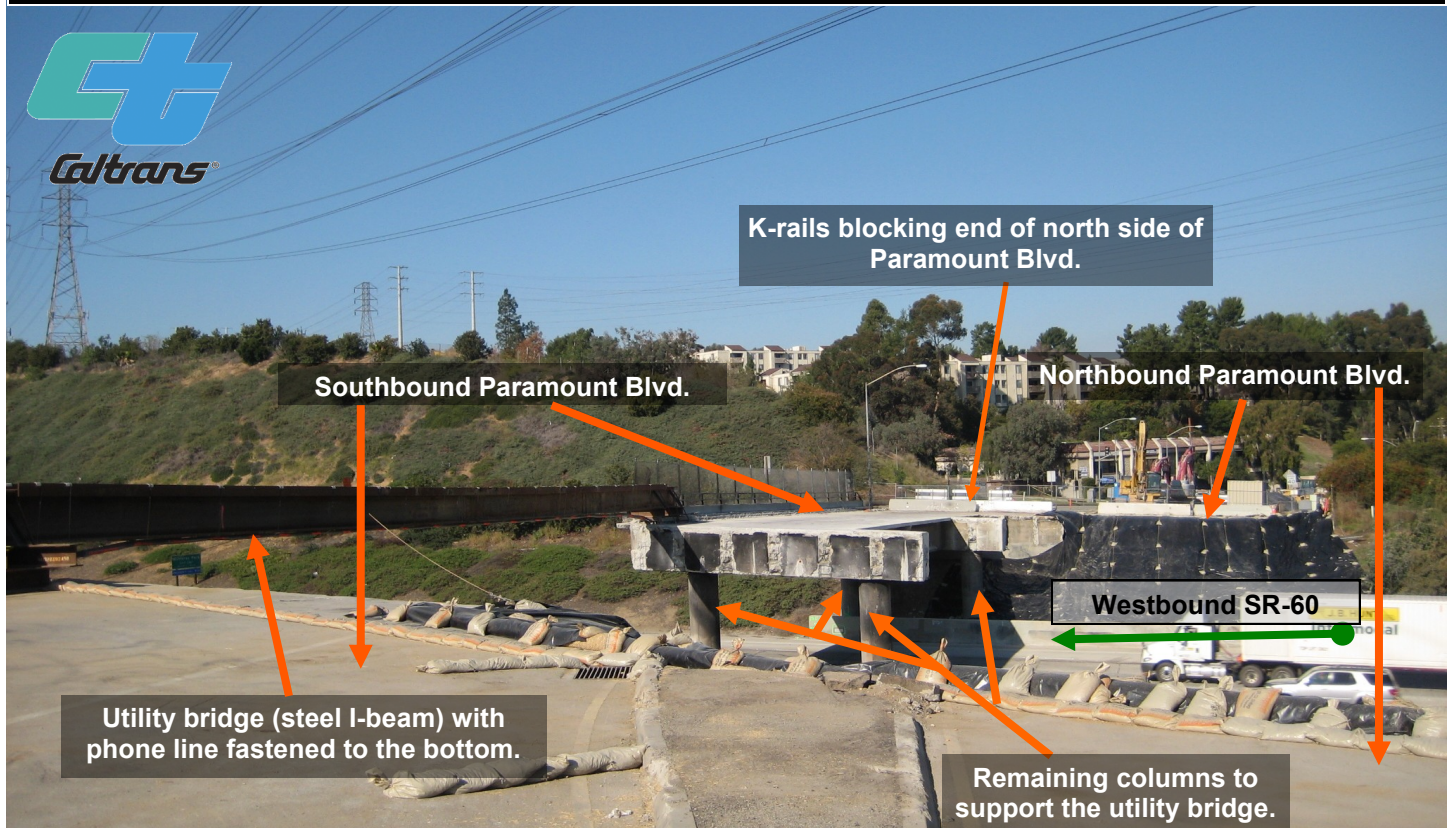


Paramount Blvd. Bridge Repair Pomona Freeway (SR-60), Montebello



The Paramount Boulevard Bridge is expected to open June 2012.

Summary:

On December 14, 2011, a tanker truck traveling eastbound on State Route 60 (Pomona Freeway) burst into flames beneath the Paramount Boulevard bridge. The concrete girders, soffit and columns all sustained severe fire damage and the bridge had to be demolished.

UPDATE - January 26, 2012

Project:

The project reconstructs the Paramount Blvd. overcrossing (originally built in 1967) with a replacement structure. This new structure will be designed and built to current standards including shoulders and sidewalks.

The proposed new bridge will be:

- 128 feet wide, 32 feet wider than the old bridge of 96 feet.
- The new bridge will add one additional northbound lane (east side) and have standard shoulder widths of 8 feet (currently, no shoulders on the bridge),
- 14-foot center median (current median is 12 feet), and 6-foot sidewalks (current sidewalks are 5 feet).

Schedule:

The emergency bid contract is scheduled to begin in late **February 2012**. The project is scheduled to be completed by June 2012, which is 180 days from the incident.

Nearby residents and businesses should expect noise and vibrations during construction hours.

Project Facts:

- Caltrans, the County of Los Angeles and the cities of Montebello and Monterey Park have been working closely together to address re-opening the Paramount Boulevard overcrossing.

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Construction Timeline

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Dec. 14, 2011 Tanker Truck Fire Bridge demolition begins.

Dec. 17 Eastbound and Westbound SR-60 opens.

Dec. 20 Caltrans begins preliminary design.

Feb. 2012 Construction begins.

June 2012 Expected completion of new bridge.

Project Facts Continued:

- The Emergency Relief Program consists of two parts: emergency work/operations completed during the first 180 days of the incident with 100 percent reimbursement of eligible costs, and permanent restoration with 88.53 percent reimbursement rate.
- Replacement of this bridge in the shortest possible time is essential for re-opening Paramount Boulevard overcrossing and associated ramps in order to restore access for essential emergency, commercial and commuter services.
- Environmental review will be expedited due to the emergency nature of this project. Caltrans is coordinating with utilities to ensure all permit and cooperative agreement requirements are met.
- Caltrans will continue to keep the public informed through news releases, blogs, Twitter feeds, photos and a detour map posted on the [Caltrans District 7 web page](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist07): www.dot.ca.gov/dist07

Paramount Boulevard Bridge Detours

